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FOR CHARGE FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER

1. DAO'S CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL COSTA GOMES (REFTEL)
CONVEYED ERRONEOUS AND POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME SIGNAL TO
PORTUGUESE THAT WE NOT ONLY WELCOME FURTHER SHOPPING LISTS
FOR HIGHLY EXPENSIVE MILITARY HARDWARE BUT THAT WE ARE MOST
ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE SUCH REQUESTS. DAO HAS ALSO, WE HOPE
INADVERTENTLY, INJECTED HIMSELF DIRECTLY INTO THE AZORES
BASE NEGOTIATIONS IN A WAY WHICH MUST BE AS CONFUSING TO
THE PORTUGUESE AS IT IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO US.

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2. I THINK IT IMPERATIVE THAT YOU ISSUE IMMEDIATE AND
FORCEFUL INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL REPEAT ALL MISSION PERSONNEL
THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE AZORES NEGOTIATIONS WITH
SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS ARE TO BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF
THE AMBASSADOR OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, THE CHARGE.

3. AS YOU KNOW, AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY IS US NEGOTIATOR AND
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HE WILL BE CHANNEL FOR REQUESTS SUBMITTED TO HIM FROM GOP

BY AMBASSADOR THEMIDO WHEN NEXT SESSION TAKES PLACE SEPT.

3. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE IN POSITION OF GENERATING REQUESTS, ESPECIALLY ONES IN MILITARY FIELDS AND BELIEVE THAT GOP WILL HAVE TO SET OUT ITS OWN PRIORITIES AND NOT SEND IN

MISCELLANEOUS SHOPPING LISTS THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS.

4. YOU SHOULD INSTRUCT EMBASSY STAFF THAT IN CASES WHERE POLITICAL CONTACTS RAISE THE AZORES BASE QUESTION, THEY SHOULD REPLY ONLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING RESUMED IN SEPTEMBER AND THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT FURTHER. THEY SHOULD, OF COURSE, REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION FROM SUCH CONVERSATIONS.

5. DOD AGREES WITH SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE AND HAS SENT BACK CHANNEL MESSAGE TO DATT ON SAME SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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